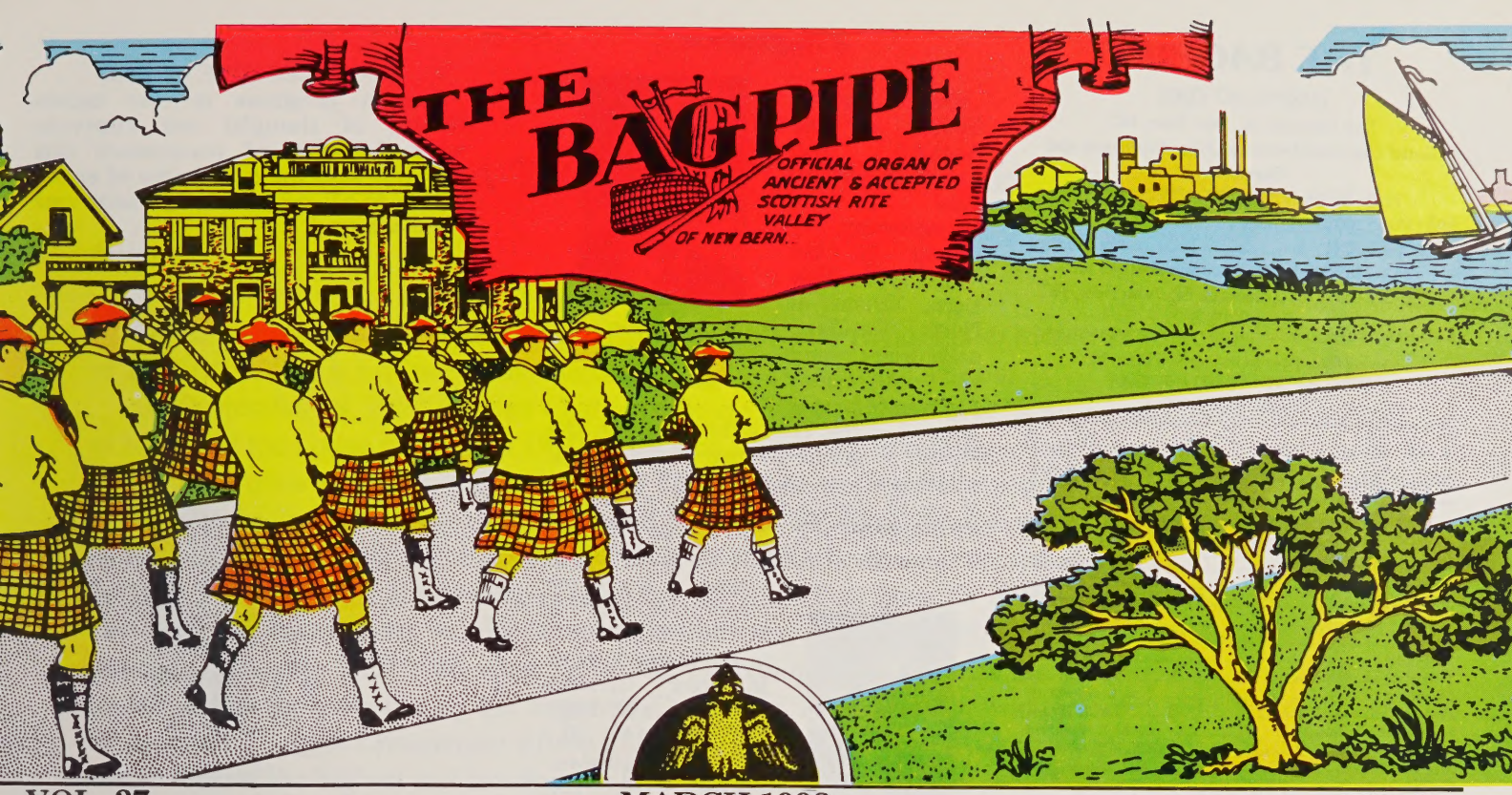

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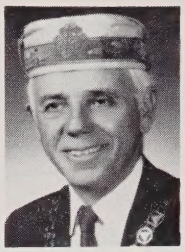

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Human progress is our cause, liberty of thought our supreme wish, freedom of conscience our mission, and the guarantee of equal rights to all people everywhere our ultimate goal.

REMEMBERING . . .

A TRIBUTE TO CHARLIE

Brethren:

Our spring reunion 1993 has been designated the "Charles Taylor Potter Memorial Reunion." This issue of THE BAGPIPE is a tribute to the memory of this good man and Mason.

On September 24, 1952, Brother Charlie became a Master Mason in St. John's Lodge No. 3 and served as Master of the Lodge in 1958. In 1959 he became a Certified Lecturer and later served the Grand Lodge of North Carolina as a District Deputy Grand Lecturer and as Grand Lecturer.

In 1956 he joined the New Bern Scottish Rite Bodies and soon began to serve as an officer progressing through the line to serve as the presiding officer in all four bodies. He served as Master of several of our Scottish Rite Degrees and participated in others. He was a Past Director of the Dining Room and became Secretary of the New Bern Scottish Rite Bodies following the death of Ill. Robert L. Pugh. Brother Charlie served as Secretary until 1988 when he retired. He continued to serve as the S.G.I.G.'s Personal Representative. He was honored by the Supreme Council in 1956 when he was invested with the rank and decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour. They again honored him in 1963 by electing him to receive the highest and last degree of the Scottish Rite, 33° or Inspector General Honorary.

Brother Potter's Masonic life was quite extensive; he was often called upon to perform Masonic funerals, and he was frequently requested as an after-dinner speaker. He was active in the York Rite, Sudan Temple, the Eastern Star, White Shrine, and Rainbow Girls.

Charlie was an active member of the Croatan Presbyterian Church where he served as Elder and representative to the District and State synods.

He was involved in the affairs of his community, serving on the Craven County Planning Board and various other boards. A staunch Democrat, Brother Charlie was a Craven County Commissioner and was the Chairman at the time of his death.

Brother Charlie entered the Celestial Lodge Above on June 28, 1992. I am grateful to the Creator for the opportunity to have "rubbed shoulders" with this giant of a man. As Secretary of the New Bern Scottish Rite Bodies, I had the opportunity to really get to know and to work closely with him. His guidance was most helpful as I assumed the duties of your Secretary. I hope his expertise and his gentle, loving, and kind attitude toward all will always be goals for which I strive.

It is indeed a pleasure for us in the Valley of New Bern to celebrate the "Charles T. Potter" reunion.

Billy Kilpatrick

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WITH THUMBS UP ... CHARLES SAYS
"I'M HAPPY" ... "NO PROBLEM"

About Charles T. Potter

I knew Charlie Potter many years but, oddly enough, all our encounters occurred in group gatherings; I never had the one-on-one experiences others had.

We first met as class members of the 1956 spring reunion, and thereafter saw each other at blue lodge, Scottish Rite, and Shrine activities.

One memorable experience was in 1969 at Washington, when Charlie received the 33°. It was our custom, during those trips, to have at least one meal at a seafood restaurant on the river, and at least one other at a Polynesian restaurant in the city. Charlie was Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge at the time, and for some reason chose those two meals as settings for a demonstration of his skills in that office. You just never heard such monologues as he laid upon us. Bob Pugh, then class lecturer, and I labeled Charlie's speech at the river the "Lectures along the Potamac." The other we dubbed the "Dissertation of the Coconut Shell."

And I remember the many years we served as the two "queens" in the 31°, the ones that pose the questions. We called ourselves the "Daven-Potter Inquisition."

These are warm and good memories.

Reynold Davenport, 33°

"In The Long Run"

This special edition of THE BAGPIPE brings to mind an earlier article I shared with you through "In The Long Run." In that article I recounted the parallel between a road race and life. I stated then that running is not a spectator sport. You have to be a committed participant to reap any rewards from running.

I feel strongly that life provides a great parallel to a road race, or most especially a marathon. Those who prevail to the end are those who have worked hard to get there. This special issue honors one who was never a mere spectator. Brother Charlie ran life's race to the fullest. He was always a front-runner, no matter how many hills or rough spots the course held for him. He would not and did not falter. His courage, determination, and optimism in the face of a lengthy terminal illness were an inspiring testimonial to the kind of man he was.

Brother Charlie Potter and others like him who ennoble our beloved fraternity have been front-runners and beacons for the rest of us. At times when I am running a marathon I can see the front-runner at certain points along the course and draw strength and encouragement from his stride and appearance. He gives me the affirmation that I too will reach the finish line. In like manner Brother Charlie challenges us to continue to run, to excel, to prove ourselves worthy to be called winners in the race of life.

Brother Charlie has finished the course. Like Paul the Apostle he can say with assurance, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." Along his way Brother Charlie graciously and unselfishly showed many of us the way to attain the goal . . . the way to finish life's race triumphantly.

How can we best honor Brother Charlie? We must redouble our zeal in the cause of Masonry. His legacy to us is faithfulness which we must keep alive in our fraternity. I give you the challenge today to follow Brother Charlie "in the long run."

Bill Blair, 33°

Life's Seasons

Masonry teaches that there are three principal stages of human life; youth, manhood, and age . . . that as youths we should apply ourselves to the attainment of useful knowledge . . . that in manhood we should apply our knowledge to the discharge of our respective duties to God, our neighbor, and ourselves . . . so that in age we may enjoy the happy reflections consequent on a well spent life, and die in the hope of a glorious immortality.

Dr. Paul Tournier, a Swiss Christian doctor, has a book called THE SEASONS OF LIFE in which he states that each of our lives has its seasons which may be compared to the seasons of the year. There is a childhood/springtime; youth and young adulthood- exuberant summer season; the autumn of maturity, and the winter of aging.

Fred Craddock describes the seasons this way:

> *"The spring of the year! The world is a poem of light in color. The meadow is green and turns somersaults of joy, all the butterflies flutter from the buttercups, and it is beautiful. But it does not stay long. It gets hot, everything turns brown, the grasshopper drags himself along, cracks appear in the parched earth . . . heat waves come up from the highway and railroad, and everybody is tinkering with the air-conditioning. But it does not last long. The cool breezes blow, the school bell rings and leaves turn to flame. The days grow short; the football is kicked into the air, and the referee blows the whistle. It's the fall of the year, but not for long. For the leaves are bitten from the trees and piled in a heap against the back fence, the bony, naked fingers of the trees pray for cover now. Then down from God's mercy comes a blanket of snow and the flying cloud and the frosty light, and the years dying in the night. And someone say, 'Happy New Year!'"*

Each of us is born into the world with the expectation of spending the whole year here and experiencing all the seasons. But some live only through the springtime, some enjoy the excitement of summer, some get to see the turning of the leaves in the mellow time, still others stay until the snow blankets the ground.

Our friend and Brother, Charles Potter, was privileged to meet death after having lived for all the seasons — a full, complete, and satisfying life — a life filled with love and service to his family, his church, his community, and his fellow man.

The philosopher Horace Kallen wrote, "There are persons who shape their lives by the fear of death, and persons who shape their lives by the joy and satisfaction of life. The former live dying; the latter die living. I know that fate may stop me tomorrow, but death is an irrelevant contingency. Whenever it comes, I intent to die living." Surely, this was the credo of Charles Potter's life.

Winston Churchill had planned his funeral, which took place in Saint Paul's Cathedral. He included many of the great hymns of the church and used the eloquent Anglican liturgy. At his direction, a bugler, high in the dome of Saint Paul's, intoned, after the benediction, the sound of "taps," the universal signal that the day is over.

But then came the most dramatic turn; as Churchill instructed, as soon as "Taps" was finished, another bugler, placed on the other side of the great dome, played the notes of "Reveille" - "It's time to get up. It's time to get up. It's time to get up in the morning."

That was Churchill's testimony that at the end of life, the last note will not be "Taps"; it will be "Reveille."

Thus, as in our hearts we played Taps for Charlie Potter, on the other side was being played Reveille. A new season was beginning, this time a season that will never end.

T. Bruce Boyette 33°

Official Program Scottish Rite Reunion
April 1, 2 and 3, 1993

Director of the Work: Nathaniel M. Baxter, 33°
Asst. Directors: Robert Ray Harrison, 33° and Ottis R. Jefferson, Jr., 33°
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Lecturer Emeritus: Clyde G. McCarver, 33°
Stage Director: Charles F. Dickinson, Sr., 33°
Asst. Stage Director: David S.Pugh, 32° KCCH
Robing Room Director: Marion D. Opphile, 33°
Asst. Directors: A.C. Cayton, 32° KCCH, Charlie Moore, 32° and William MacIntosh, 32°
Dining Room Director: Clifton D. Meadows, 33°
Co-Class Marshals: James P. Brulet, 33° and Ray Early, Jr., 33°
Asst. Class Marshal: Edward E. Rouse, 32°
Music Director: Joseph A. Ray, Jr., 32° KCCH
First Aid Director: Douglas A. Soltow, 32° KCCH

Reunion Activities
Thursday, April 1, 1993

10:00 a.m. - 4° - Secret Master. Lee K. Allen, 32° KCCH, Master of Degree. Assisted by W. Stan Kellum, Charles Moore, Michael Coleman, and John Brinkley.

10:45 a.m. - 5° - Perfect Master. John R. Edwards, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Robert Spivey, William C. Kellum, Alva J. Waters, Marvin Latham, Joseph Abbott, Harold E. Brown, David Haskett, Winston Dobson, and Roy B. Ingram.

11:45 a.m. - 6° - Confidential Secretary. Edward J. Harper, II, 32° KCCH, Master of Degree. Assisted by Charles Russell, Clifton Everett, Jr., Kenneth Smith and Mike Register.

12:20 p.m. - 7° - Provost and Judge. John M. Walston, 32° KCCH, Master of Degree. Assisted by Frank Noble, David Haskett, Billy Dill, James Wiley and Mike Register.

1:00 p.m. - Luncheon.

2:15 p.m. - 8° - Intendent of Building. O. Lee Jones, 32° KCCH, Master of Degree. Assisted by Sam Taylor, Tom Carraway, Stacy C. Chadwich, Jr., Richard Farlee, Billy J. Taylor, Arthur Loose, Bob O'Keef and Jeffery Styron.

3:00 p.m. - 9° - Elu of Nine. E. Coy Wetherington, 32° KCCH, Master of Degree. Assisted by William L. Dill, William Kellum, Raymond Smith, W.H. Gillikin, Walter Paramore, Charles Russell, W. Stan Kellum, Elijah Cannon, Marvin Latham, John Walston, James Brulet, Elwood Cayton, T.C. Williams, Jr., and Harold Brown.

4:00 p.m. - 10° - Elu of Fifteen. Gerry T. Smith, 32° KCCH, Master of Degree. Assisted by John H. Lilly, Leonard Safrit, Elwood Cayton, James Brulet, Hubert Lilly, Kerney Merrill, Larry Pittman and T.C. Williams, Jr.

4:45 p.m. - 11° - Elu of Twelve. Billy G. Haire, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by James Brulet, Elwood Cayton, William C. Kellum, John Walston, Coy Wetherington, Billy Dill and T.C. Williams, Jr.

- 12° - Communicated.

5:45 p.m. - 13° - Royal Arch of Solomon. Bill Blair, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by W. Stan Kellum, Billy J. Taylor, Ron Parrish, and Richard Welborn.

6:30 p.m - Dinner.

7:45 p.m. - 14° - Perfect Elu. Jerry Stapleford, 32° KCCH, Master of Degree. Assisted by Oscar Kafer, III, L.D. Wyatt, Billy G. Haire, William Vestal, Jack Edwards, Billy Dill, Raymond Smith, II and Richard Welborn.

Friday, April 2, 1993

8:00 a.m. - 15° - Knight of East. Robert Langston, 32° KCCH, Master of Degree. Assisted by Raymond Smith, II, Walter Paramore, W. Stan Kellum, Alvia Hearren, Billy Haire, Tom McCree, Marvin Latham, Harold E. Brown, James Brulet, Jesse Vail, Leonard Dooley, Winston Dobson, P.R. Mitchell, David Grissom and Ralph S. Shirley.

- 16° - Communicated

10:00 a.m. - 17° - Knight of East and West. Basom Miller, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Edward Ray Edwards. Jim Coile, Bobby Meadows, Johnny C. Surles, Charles Hill and John Brinkley.

10:45 a.m. - 18° - Knight of Rose Croix. Johnny Surles, 32° KCCH, Master of Degree. Assisted by William C. Kellum, Raymond Smith, II, Arthur Loose and Roy Collins.

12:00 Noon - Luncheon.

- 19° - Communicated.

1:00 p.m. - 20° - Master of Symbolic Lodge. Allen C. Edens, 32° KCCH, Master of Degree. Assisted by Joseph Dryden, James Hay, R. Hoyt Randall, Louis Dean, Jack Lewis, William P. Jackson, Hugh Rollins and John Lynch.

2:05 p.m. - 21° - Noachite or Prussian Knight. William H. Scott, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by William C. Kellum, Pete Bland, David Haskett, Terry Wethington, Richard C. Rohm, Michael Register, Roy B. Ingram, Bryan Potter and Steve Burgess.

- 22° -

- 23° -

- 24° - Communicated

- 25° -

3:25 p.m. - 26° - Prince of Mercy. Thomas W. McCree, Jr., 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Louie J. Smith, Royden Caulk, Jesse C. Vail, Jesse Sellers, James Warren, Merwin Marshburn, Edward Rouse, W. Dennis Combs, Starkey Shaw, Ralph Levi and David Guthrie.

4:25 p.m. - 27° - Knight Commander of the Temple. Elwood Cayton, Sr., 32° KCCH, Master of Degree. Assisted by Raymond Smith, II, William H. Scott, Leonard Safrit, Bill Blair, Donnie Dixon, John R. Edwards, William J. Clark, John D. Lewis, T.C. Williams, Jr., Reuben E. Rice and Edgar E. Mallard.

- 28° - Communicated.

5:20 p.m. - 29° - Scottish Knight of St. Andrew. Don Kosik, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Everett Brothers, Francis W. Clark, Alvin Arnold, Herbert Lange, Fred Brothers, Julian Copeland, Edwin Midgett, Ernest Cartwright, Chris Cartwright, Ty Newell, III, Orville McNary, W. Frank Wood and Jeff Spear.

6:30 p.m. - Dinner.

7:40 p.m. - 30° - Knight of Kadosh. 1st Apartment: Tom Supplee, 32° KCCH, Master of Degree. Assisted by Don Kosik.

2nd Apartment: Craig Mallard, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Douglas Soltow and Kenneth L. Dimpsey.

3rd Apartment: T. Bruce Boyette, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by David Jordan, L.V. Godwin and Herman Barnes.

4th Apartment: T.Bruce Boyette, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Arnold L. Brown, Joe I. Joyner and L.V. Godwin.

Saturday, April 3, 1993

8:25 a.m. 31° - Inspector Inquisitor. L.R. "Pete" Thomas, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by W. Stan Kellum, Lee Jones, Don Kosik, Billy Dill, James A. Tadlock, Jr., Carlton Jackson, William C. Kellum, Edward Coleman, Alvin Arnold, Joseph Ray, Jr., Douglas Soltow, Dana Outlaw and Kenneth L. Dimpsey.

9:45 a.m. - 32° - Master of Royal Secret. Ray H. Early, Jr., 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Leroy Whitfield, Ed Raines, Tommy Boone, Roland Chadwick, John I. Whitfield, William Leggett, Hubert Waters, W.R. MacIntosh, James Brulet, Dell Broadwell, A.H. Thomas, W.H. Willis, Richard T. Vernon, Joseph A. Ray, Jr., Amos Sykes, Jim Potter, Clarence Whitfield, John Holt and Fred Simpson.

A Tribute To The Memory Of Brother Charles T. Potter, 33°

by
L.R. "Pete" Thomas, 33°
SGIG's Personal Representative

In attempting to find words to pay tribute to the memory of our distinguished Brother, Charles T. Potter, our thoughts go to his many lofty achievements. And then we realize that these achievements during his lifetime spoke more eloquently than any words we can add.

He was a man of vision, which he translated into laudable contributions for the betterment of mankind. In so doing, he left the world better than he found it.

The doctrines of Christianity and the principles of Freemasonry provided the creed by which Brother Charlie Potter patterned his life. His church and his lodge were the beneficiaries of his talents and his devotion. That devotion extended to his family, his God, his country and to the Masonic Fraternity. The prophet was speaking of such a man as Charlie Potter when he wrote, "And what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God."

Ill. Charles T. Potter, 33°

by H. Lloyd Wilkerson, 33°, S.G.I.G.

Time passes so rapidly, but the memory of such a stalwart Mason as Ill. Charlie Potter, 33°, does not fade as the ordinary events in one's life do. Just a few days after I became the Deputy of the Supreme Council in North Carolina, Ill. Nelson B. Banks, 33°, the M.W. Grand Master in North Carolina, became seriously ill and did not recover. His untimely departure from our midst was traumatic for the fraternity of Freemasons in North Carolina. It was especially difficult for me and the Scottish Rite, for I had not considered the possibility of making leadership changes so early in my tenure. Brother Nelson was my Personal Representative in the Valley of New Bern, therefore I was required to appoint someone to fill that important vacancy.

Upon my request, Brother Charlie, the Secretary of the New Bern Bodies, also agreed to serve as my interim Personal Representative. While it was not my plan to permanently combine the positions of Secretary and Personal Representative, which I consider undesirable, his laudable service led me to continue that arrangement for about ten years. His advice and counsel over these many years endeared him to me and to the brethren of the Valley of New Bern. As the years passed, I made a covenant with Brother Charlie that he would advise me when he felt the pressures of being Secretary were too great; only then would I appoint a successor. In due time, he gave me the signal and stepped down as Secretary, but I prevailed upon him to continue as my Personal Representative. He served in that capacity until his death, never losing interest in the Craft, and always faithful to his trust.

Seldom do we have the privilege to labor and enjoy fellowship with men like Brother Charlie for that quality of mankind is rare. He demonstrated for the world to observe the most noble examples of devotion to God, church, family, fraternity, and the welfare of suffering humanity. Yes, we miss him, but all of Eastern North Carolina can be proud that Brother Charlie lived such a long and productive life among us!

The West Remebers

At the risk of appearing overly zealous, I want to again sing the praises of our friend and brother, Charles T. Potter, on the occasion of the Scottish Rite reunion being held on April 1, 2, and 3, "The Charles T. Potter Memorial Reunion" in New Bern, dedicated to his memory. Of all the good things that could be said of Brother Potter, he was, by his very nature, an effective peacemaker.

I would like to present to him, posthumously, the symbolic trowel..." that useful and valuable instrument that teaches friendship, morality and brotherly love... that spreads the cement of brotherly love and affection which unites us into one sacred band, or society of friends and brothers, among whom no contention should ever exist...". He quickly restored "peace in the valley" when he came upon the scene, as well as complete harmony between the Valleys of Enfield and New Bern.

The memory of "Brother Charlie" evokes a degree of ambivalence, happiness in having known him, and regrets not to have known him longer and better. To those who knew him better, I yield the pleasure of reviewing his virtues. For me, I shall ever enjoy happy reflections in every memory of him.

Brethren, as our esteemed brother has been called permanently from labor to refreshment, let us honor his memory by making an all out effort to make this reunion the very best that we can. To have a very large class of candidates is one thing we can do; he'd like that!

We in the west (Enfield) pledge our best.

Sincerely,
Jesse W. Harris, 33°
Secretary Enfield Scottish Rite

"Down Memory Lane"

What an appropriate title to honor so good a man as Charles Taylor Potter. As this issue of THE BAGPIPE is in honor of Brother Charlie, I am pleased to take a few moments to recall some of the fine memories we shared together.

When I joined the Masonic Fraternity in 1968, I had never had the pleasure of meeting or knowing Brother Charlie. The year of 1968 found Brother Potter very active in the Grand Lodge of our state, as Grand Lecturer. Although we shared the same blue lodge together, it was not until 1969 when I became a Scottish Rite Mason that I came to know him and love him.

I have a real testimony regarding Brother Charlie and my relationship with our Masonic fraternity and my personal life. I can truthfully say without hesitation at all that our great fraternity and Brother Charlie were very instrumental in getting me back in my church!

During a period of time that lasted for over twenty years, I have had the privilege of having Brother Charlie as a personal friend, a Masonic Brother, and a fellow churchman. Although we attended different churches, he being a Presbyterian and I a Methodist, there was always that warm feeling of knowing we had a common belief in Almighty God. So strong were Brother Charlie's convictions, that I heard him say one time that he was first a Presbyterian, second a Mason, and thirdly a Democrat and these were three things he was never going to let anyone change.

We traveled many miles together to visit Scottish Rite clubs, blue lodges, Scottish Rite Valleys and sometimes on business for Craven County. Never have I known anyone more dedicated to his lodge, his church and his fellow man. Many are the hours he spent politically for the people of Craven County. As Chairman of the Craven Board of Commissioners, he always had the people at heart. His last visit to the County Courthouse saw him in great physical pain, but he felt it his duty to attend a Commissioners' meeting.

God granted me a wish before Brother Charlie was called to the Supreme Lodge Above, and that was that I could spend many hours with him, almost to the end.

The memories that I have will always be with me, and I am deeply grateful for Charles Taylor Potter's great impact on my life. Thank you Brother Charlie for caring about people.

Billy G. Haire, 33°

Such A Man Is A Mason

God creates each individual with the freedom to choose and the ability to do something in this world that will be of benefit to God and to the entire created order. With our eyes we cannot always see the work that God has given others to perform. We may, because of our nature, see only that which we wish to see in an individual. But our creator has created us all, has given us work to perform on this earth, and will give to us the insights, inspiration, and ingredients that enable us to perform the tasks that are ours alone.

Masonry, because of its particular responsibilty and methodology, can take the man that God has created, and can add to that man's ability to perceive and perform the work that God has for him to do. Yet, that individual must be eternally open to the will and ways of God; attentive and receptive to the dictates of God; and must be privately and publicly an advocate of God's presence and power in the soul.

A mason, a man of God's own choosing, is a person who is inspired by insights into the character of God and into the character of other human beings.

He understands for himself and for others the importance of the presence of God in every life and the change that God can make in the character of those who rely on God for strength and support. He understands the love of God for the children of earth, although not necessarily understanding the minute details of that love. He understands the will of God for himself, and has amazing insights into God's will in and for the entire created order. He appreciates the way in which God works and seeks to participate in that infusion of God's character into the world in all of its workings.

The mason, who is a man of God's own choosing, can appreciate the good qualities of the character of every human being. He can see God at work in the lives of others and understand the potential that individual has to work for the deity and the craft. He can call forth the best in the character of another by encouragement and fellowship and can enable every man to live out his fullest potential, whether in the confines of the craft or in the workings of the world.

In addition to the possession and excercise of insights into the character of both God and man, a mason, who is a man of God's own choosing, has an amazing and inspiring commitment to living out the relationship that he has with the deity. He lives that relationship in his associations with family, friends, and fraternity. He sees himself as a man of service to God and the world. He touches the lives of others in a variety of ways that enable persons to reap the benefits of the deity that might not otherwise be obtained. He touches lives in the little things that he does, in his service with and in the fraternity, and in the acceptance and fulfillment of civic responsibilty.

He seeks to fulfill his commitment to God by his activity in the religious community of his choice. He does not sit idly and assume that someone else will take care of things, but rather becomes the focal point around which activities are initiated and tasks are accomplished. He gives his time, his talents, and his tasks to the work of the church or temple or synagogue in which he has made his religious commitment to the deity.

He lives out his commitment to the deity in the fraternity by accepting more than we assume is his share. He willingly does the small, as well as the large task. He lives out that commitment without fanfare, never asssuming or seeking the glory that others anticipate and demand, but with true humility and hospitality. He considers it an honor and privilege to simply be involved in the work and carries out every assignment with pleasure; the accomplishment of the task being the only reward needed or sought for that mason who is a man of God's own choosing.

That man, when trials and tribulations of his probationary state are over, peacefully takes the hand of God and reaches out without fear or hesitancy, toward the knocker on the door of the preparation room of that spiritual temple, that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Such a man, a mason of God's own choosing, was Charles T. Potter.

James Coile, 33°

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